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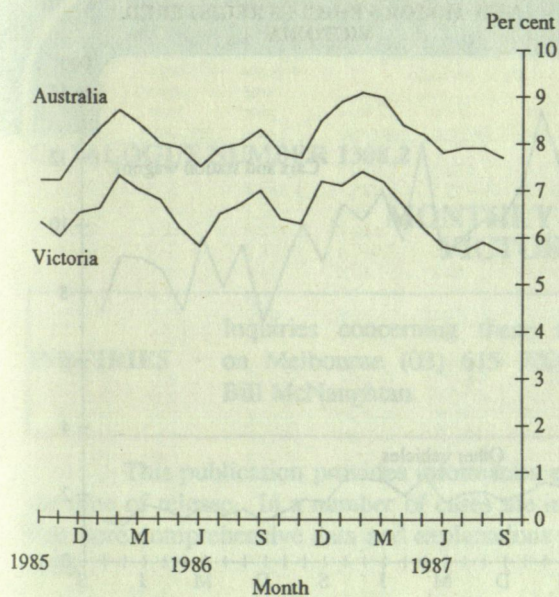
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Indicator		Latest period	Latest figure	Figures for preceding three periods			Figure one year ago	Change over year per cent	Latest Aust. figure	Change over year Aust. per cent
				One period	Two periods	Three periods				
LABOUR FORCE										
Employed persons - full-time	'000	Sep 87	1,543.6	1,550.5	1,574.3	1,550.3	1,525.9	1.2	5,734.4	1.2
- total	'000	Sep 87	1,927.9	1,931.2	1,945.5	1,928.7	1,883.8	2.3	7,165.8	2.3
Unemployed persons looking for work - full-time	'000	Sep 87	86.8	92.4	93.1	94.6	113.8	-23.7	489.6	-5.4
- total	'000	Sep 87	116.3	122.0	118.4	118.4	142.7	-18.5	598.2	-5.3
Labour force	'000	Sep 87	2,044.2	2,053.2	2,063.9	2,047.1	2,026.5	0.9	7,764.0	1.6
Participation rate	per cent	Sep 87	62.2	62.5	62.9	62.5	62.8	-1.0	62.0	-0.6
Unemployment rate	per cent	Sep 87	5.7	5.9	5.7	5.8	7.0	-18.6	7.7	-7.2
Job vacancies	'000	Aug 87	16.5	17.6	18.0	12.8	12.9	27.9	56.2	15.6
Overtime worked per employee	hours	Aug 87	1.45	1.41	1.38	1.40	1.22	18.9	1.22	5.2
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS										
Full-time adult ordinary time earnings -	\$	May 87	440.00	432.50	427.70	415.60	407.20	8.1	436.50	6.7
Males	\$	May 87	463.60	454.60	450.30	437.50	429.70	7.9	461.70	6.7
Females	\$	May 87	390.50	384.10	378.30	368.30	359.80	8.5	383.00	7.5
All employees total earnings	\$	May 87	394.20	391.70	388.50	374.80	374.80	5.2	387.80	5.8
Males	\$	May 87	451.10	447.80	446.70	429.50	425.70	6.0	451.70	6.2
Females	\$	May 87	311.90	307.90	301.00	294.50	297.10	5.0	299.00	7.5
CONSUMER PRICES (a)										
Consumer Price Index, Melbourne (1980-81=100) -										
Food	index	Jun qr 87	160.5	160.2	158.9	156.1	152.0	5.6	157.9	5.7
Clothing	index	Jun qr 87	157.3	151.8	151.3	145.9	144.6	8.8	157.8	8.5
Housing	index	Jun qr 87	180.1	176.9	173.9	171.3	168.6	6.8	169.4	7.4
Household equipment & operation	index	Jun qr 87	166.7	163.0	161.3	156.8	153.7	8.5	165.6	7.3
Transportation	index	Jun qr 87	171.0	169.9	164.5	156.8	149.6	14.3	178.4	14.1
Tobacco & alcohol	index	Jun qr 87	184.8	181.2	176.8	171.8	168.1	9.9	189.7	10.9
Health & personal care	index	Jun qr 87	172.8	168.5	164.1	151.4	147.4	17.2	162.0	16.0
Recreation & education (Mar qr 1982=100)	index	Jun qr 87	149.1	146.8	142.1	139.8	136.8	9.0	146.0	9.4
All groups	index	Jun qr 87	168.6	166.0	162.9	158.2	154.2	9.3	167.2	9.3
RETAIL SALES (excl. motor vehicles, etc)	\$m	Jul 87	1,312.0	1,219.6	1,261.3	1,229.8	1,110.2	18.2	4,943.8	10.4
PRODUCTION										
Manufacturing -										
Clay bricks	million	Jul 87	39	41	38	37	42	-7.1	161	-6.9
Ready mixed concrete	'000 cu.m	Jul 87	298	279	288	277	246	21.1	1,265	4.7
Plastics & synthetic resins (b)	tonnes	Jul 87	42,996	36,789	39,535	36,315	49,135	-12.5	61,509	20.4
Textile floor coverings	'000 sq.m	Jul 87	3,178	2,872	3,156	2,615	3,256	-2.4	3,957	3.7
Cars & station wagons	'000	Jul 87	20.2	15.4	18.9	15.3	20.4	-1.0	31.1	-4.3
Yarns - Cotton	tonnes	Jul 87	1,150	993	967	998	911	26.2	2,294	22.2
- Wool	tonnes	Jul 87	1,742	1,473	1,478	1,357	1,657	5.1	2,349	1.3
Woven fabric - Cotton	'000 sq.m	Jul 87	2,012	1,420	1,698	1,886	1,957	2.8	4,419	20.6
- Woollen	'000 sq.m	Jul 87	329	342	350	369	401	-18.0	921	-18.7
- Man-made fibres	'000 sq.m	Jul 87	7,036	8,113	7,097	6,473	6,611	6.4	15,831	10.4
Electricity	million kWh	Jul 87	2,919	3,005	2,896	2,690	2,788	4.7	12,567	3.3
OVERSEAS TRADE										
Imports	\$m	Jul 87	1,215.6	1,161.1	1,066.7	1,084.5	1,127.8	7.8	3,481.0	13.6
Exports (excl. re-exports)	\$m	Aug 87	675.3	653.2	686.4	740.6	496.7	36.0	3,029.0	17.0
BUILDING										
Approvals -										
New houses	No.	Aug 87	2,250	2,399	2,269	2,380	2,480	-9.3	8,086	2.8
New other residential building	No.	Aug 87	449	392	306	396	343	30.9	2,435	21.8
Value of all building	\$m	Aug 87	572.8	402.5	396.9	423.4	361.9	58.3	1,846.7	26.7
Commencements -										
New houses	No.	Mar qr 87	6,700	7,310	6,860	6,750	6,930	-3.3	20,830	-10.7
Value of new houses	\$m	Mar qr 87	453.2	473.1	445.4	426.6	424.8	6.7	1,293.4	-2.6
New other residential buildings	No.	Mar qr 87	1,100	1,236	1,360	1,150	1,385	-20.6	6,190	-13.8
Value of new other residential buildings	\$m	Mar qr 87	52.9	58.6	58.2	47.9	56.6	-6.5	271.2	-18.5
Value of non-residential building	\$m	Mar qr 87	554.4	378.1	880.2	429.0	496.5	11.7	2,039.1	4.9
Value of all building	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,149.8	1,008.2	1,469.2	990.5	1,053.0	9.2	3,857.0	0.4
Work done in period	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,136.5	1,180.9	1,212.8	1,173.3	980.1	16.0	4,084.4	7.7
PRICE INDEXES OF MATERIALS USED IN BUILDING, MELBOURNE, ALL GROUPS (c) -										
House building (1985-86=100)	index	Jul 87	109.2	108.5	108.1	108.1	102.8	6.2	108.9	6.1
Other than house building (1979-80=100)	index	Jul 87	184.1	183.3	182.0	181.6	172.4	6.8	187.7	7.0
NEW MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS										
Cars & station wagons	No.	Aug 87	8,640	11,078	10,713	10,235	13,076	-33.9	35,308	-26.6
Other motor vehicles (excl. motor cycles)	No.	Aug 87	7,415	9,092	9,013	8,669	10,648	-30.4	29,076	-22.3
Motor cycles	No.	Aug 87	1,225	1,086	1,700	1,566	2,428	-49.5	6,232	-41.9
	No.	Aug 87	228	347	262	362	580	-60.7	1,225	-47.2
BANKS										
Savings - Depositors' balances at end of period	\$m	Aug 87	19,948	20,082	19,620	18,923	17,094	16.7	54,244	23.5
Major trading -										
Current deposits	\$m	Aug 87	5,189	4,980	4,956	5,027	4,265	21.7	16,839	18.3
Fixed deposits	\$m	Aug 87	7,766	7,968	8,045	8,094	8,447	-8.1	29,063	-0.9
Advances	\$m	Aug 87	13,904	13,826	14,005	13,954	12,452	11.7	45,217	7.9
Debits to customers' accounts (d)	\$m	Aug 87	30,368	31,024	30,715	29,771	24,897	22.0	141,431	41.8
HOUSING FINANCE FOR OWNER OCCUPATION										
Secured commitments to individuals -	\$m	Aug 87	328.1	366.8	357.8	358.0	282.7	16.1	1,233.1	27.7
Savings banks	\$m	Aug 87	263.1	304.9	296.2	301.2	231.5	13.7	835.1	33.1
Trading banks	\$m	Aug 87	18.7	22.3	21.5	19.0	20.5	-8.8	103.5	8.3
Permanent building societies	\$m	Aug 87	30.3	24.0	25.3	21.9	19.9	52.3	222.8	30.1
Other lenders	\$m	Aug 87	16.1	15.6	14.9	15.9	11.5	40.0	71.8	0.8
ACTUAL NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE (e) \$m										
Manufacturing	\$m	Mar qr 87	1,241	1,678	1,582	1,431	1,058	17.3	4,830	12.2
Finance	\$m	Mar qr 87	447	612	599	530	383	16.7	1,276	17.7
New building and structures	\$m	Mar qr 87	492	633	629	565	425	15.8	1,771	11.9
Other new capital equipment	\$m	Mar qr 87	295	387	431	378	205	43.9	1,562	23.5
	\$m	Mar qr 87	945	1,291	1,151	1,054	853	10.8	3,268	7.6

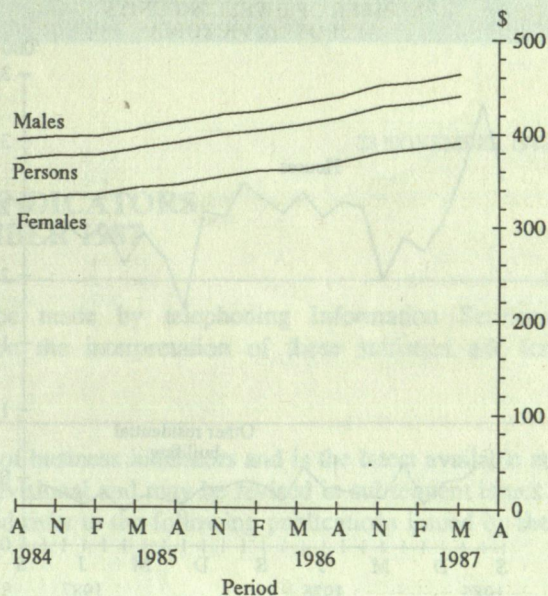
(a) The Australian figures for the CPI are the weighted average of eight capital cities figures. (b) For moulding, extrusion, laminating and calendaring only. (c) The Australian figures for the Price indexes of Materials used in Building are the weighted average of six state capital cities figures. (d) All trading banks, and excluding debits to Commonwealth and State Government accounts at branches in the City of Melbourne. (e) By private enterprises.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 AND OVER

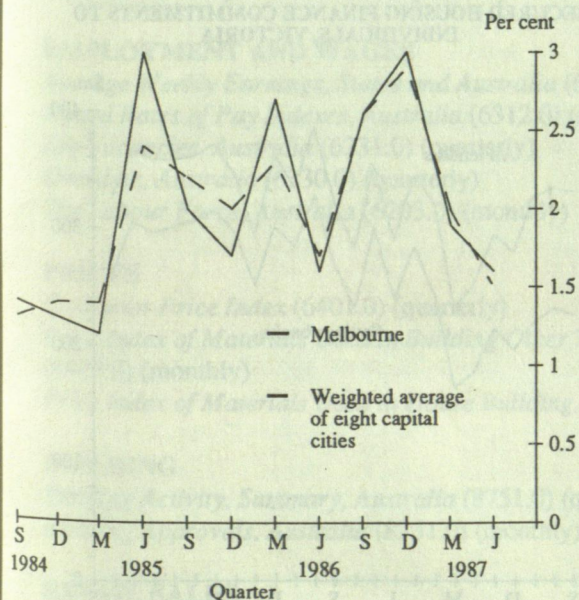


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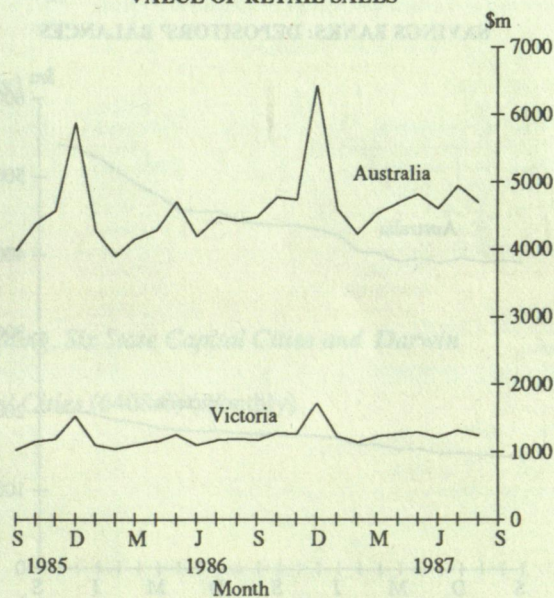
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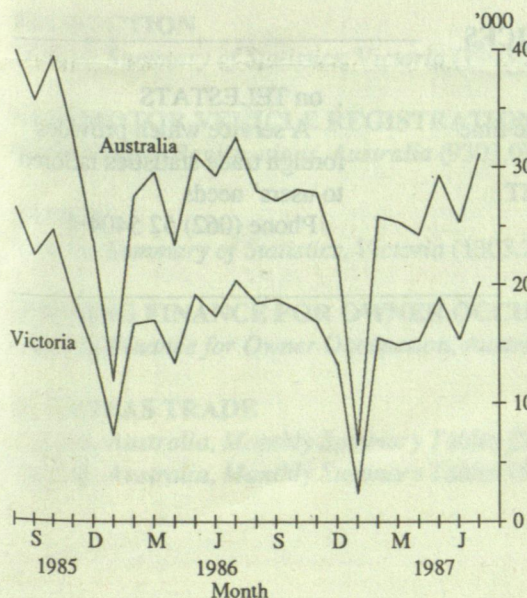
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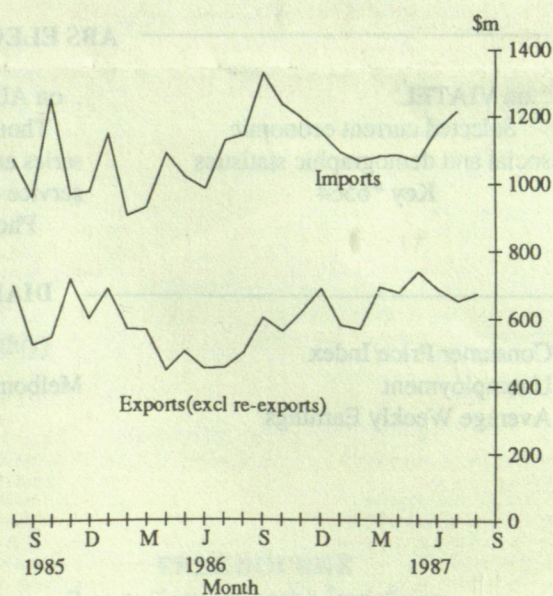
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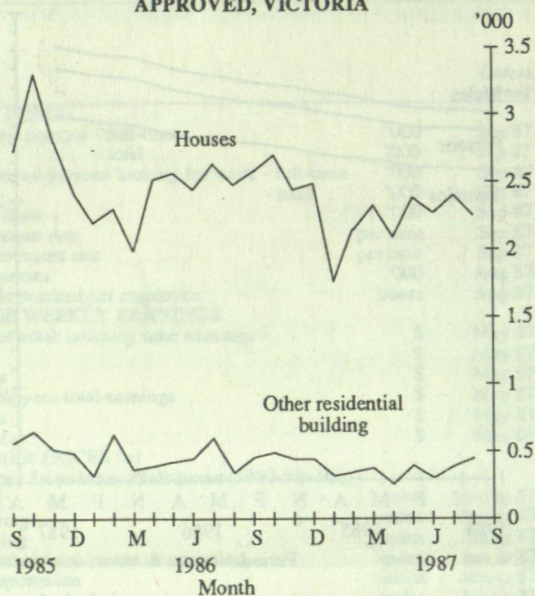
PRODUCTION OF CARS AND STATION WAGONS



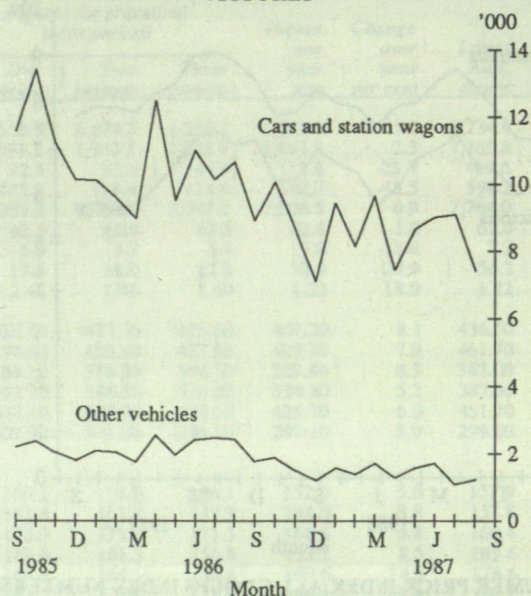
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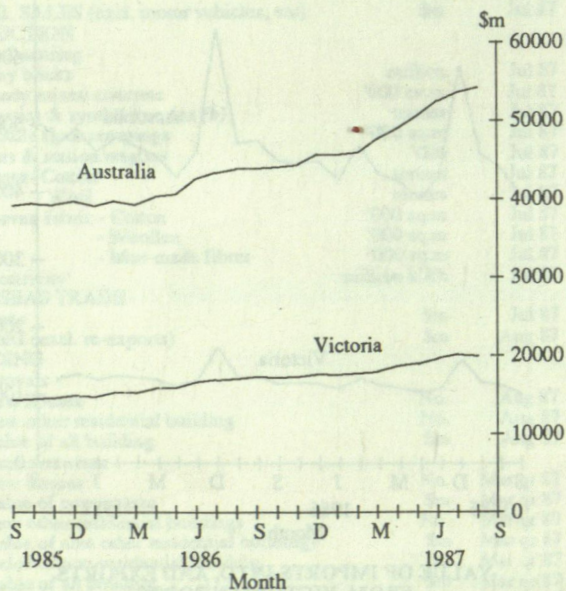
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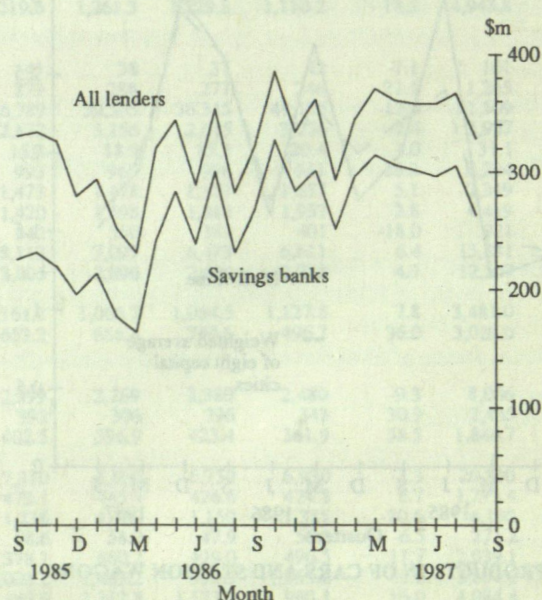
NEW MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED,
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SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES



SECURED HOUSING FINANCE COMMITMENTS TO
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